

KEY

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Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act (BAAJA):

*Where Do Key Stakeholders **Publicly** Stand?**

*** Based on publicly available statements as of 10/8/26. See [here](#).*

Edison Electric Institute
(EEI)

Sen. Kevin
Cramer (R-ND)

American Petroleum
Institute (API)

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX)

Advanced Energy United

Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA)

American Electric
Power (AEP)

Laborers' International
Union of North America

ClearPath

Third Way

American Clean
Power (ACP)

Corporate Energy Buyers
Association (CEBA)

American Conservation Coalition

Citizens'
Climate Lobby

Rep. Bruce
Westerman (R-AR)

Rep. Adam Gray (D-CA)

Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA)

New Democrat Coalition

Rep. Nikki Budzinski (D-IL)

Evergreen Action

Rep. Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX)

League of
Conservation
Voters (LCV)

Natural Resources
Defense Council (NRDC)

Sierra Club

House Natural
Resources RM
Jared Huffman
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various sizes

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THE DETAILS: *Where Are the Sticking Points?*

BAAJA Overview

- BAAJA represents the most significant bipartisan permitting compromise in years, but the compromise is not yet locked down. The core bargain is essentially faster permitting & transmission and project certainty in exchange for changes to environmental review, litigation and agency/state authority.
- Industry and many clean-energy stakeholders see the package as a necessary path to building generation and transmission faster, while major environmental organizations have argued the environmental and procedural concessions are too significant.

ITEMS TO WATCH

- **Wind/Solar Assurances** — Will Democrats receive enough certainty that the Administration will treat renewable energy projects fairly?
 - ★ At the Sept. 30 press conference held to announce the permitting package, Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Ranking Member Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) noted the wind/solar assurances remain “unresolved but we have had a very reasonable, opening proposal from the Trump Administration. We need more clarity on that and when we have that, there will be back and forth to resolve those issues. That will happen in parallel with the amendment process.
- **Endangered Species Act** — Likely one of the bigger House Democratic sticking points.
- **Clean Water Act** — Watch state/environmental opposition and whether Democrats seek changes.
- **Transmission provisions** — Potentially the biggest clean-energy upside.
 - ★ Besides American Electric Power (AEP), utilities thus far have chosen to stay quiet on their stances around BAAJA and the transmission provisions. BAAJA would substantially expand FERC’s role in transmission siting and planning—an issue on which utilities have historically had concerns. **Bottom line:** utilities have historically been broadly supportive of the need for permitting reform, but have not yet endorsed BAAJA itself. This likely reflects unresolved concerns around the bill’s transmission provisions and expanded federal authority.
- **House pathway after Nov. 3** — Even if Senate sponsors preserve their bipartisan coalition, the package still has to navigate a potentially very different House post-midterms.

